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Letter dated 31 August 1998 from the Permanent Representative a.i. of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the High Commissioner for Human Rights and to the Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights

In accordance with instructions received from my Government, I wish to draw your attention to the fact that the Israeli occupation authorities are continuing their various aggressive and inhuman practices on Syrian territory. On 26 August 1998, they fired flares at Ain Tineh near the village of Majdal Shams in the occupied Syrian Golan, causing the outbreak of a fire on unirrigated stony land near the border strip which was extinguished by the competent Syrian authorities.

I would be grateful if you would kindly have this letter circulated as an official document of the fifty-fifth session of the Commission on Human Rights under agenda item 8 of the provisional agenda entitled "Question of the Violation of human rights in the occupied Arab territories, including Palestine".

(Signed) Taher al-Hussami
Permanent Representative a.i.